

Date: 07/28/2026

To: To Parties on the EQB EAW Distribution List and other Interested Parties,

From: Becky Horton, EAW Project Manager

RE: Mile Post 7 West Ridge Railroad Relocation, Dam Progressions, and Stream Mitigation Project

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is accepting comments until 4:30 p.m. Thursday, August 27 on an environmental assessment worksheet (EAW) related to the Mile Post 7 West Ridge Railroad Relocation, Dam Progressions, and Stream Mitigation Project, located in Lake County.

Northshore Mining Company proposes to relocate the West Ridge Railroad, progress Dams 1 and 2, construct a Dam 1 rail switchback, and develop a clay borrow site at the Mile Post 7 tailings basin. The project also includes approximately 12,900 linear feet of stream mitigation across four sites.

A copy of the EAW is available on the project page of the [DNR website](https://mndnr.gov/Input/EnvironmentalReview/mile-post-7-tailings-basin-project.html) (mndnr.gov/Input/EnvironmentalReview/mile-post-7-tailings-basin-project.html).

A print copy may be requested by calling 651-259-5122.

The EAW is also available for public review at the following locations:

- Silver Bay Public Library, 9 Davis Drive, Silver Bay, MN 55614
- DNR Library, 500 Lafayette Road North, St. Paul, MN 55155
- Hennepin County – Minneapolis Central Library, Government Documents, Second Floor, 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis, MN 55401.

The EAW was published July 28, 2026, in the [Environmental Quality Board Monitor](#).

Comments on the environmental assessment worksheet must be submitted no later than 4:30 p.m. Thursday, August 27. Please submit comments:

- Online at: [MnDNR Comment Input – Mile Post 7](https://mndnr.commentinput.com?id=kGj5DYgHi) (https://mndnr.commentinput.com?id=kGj5DYgHi)
- Mailed comments should be sent to:
 - Becky Horton, EAW Project Manager
 - Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
 - 500 Lafayette Road N, St. Paul, MN 55155.

Anyone who provides a mailing address or submits comments via email will receive a copy of the subsequent decision document, which will include responses to comments. Because all comments and related information are part of the public record for this environmental review, commenters' names as well as email or postal addresses will be published and publicly available as they appear in the materials commenters submit.